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BUDGETARY ALLOCATION FOR POWER .
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the budgetary allocations for power are, in many cases, not fully utilized because of considerable delay in securing project clearances from the Environment Department; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to secure expeditious clearances?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : Generally power projects are being completed in time. However there could be under-utilization of budgetary allocation in respect of some of the hydro power projects for want of environmental clearance.

(b) : A two stage process for site clearance has been put into place and monitoring mechanism has been strengthened. For each project a nodal officer has been designated in the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) who monitors the projects underhis charge on day-to-day basis with a view to facilitating resolution of bottlenecks through inter-actions with the concerned agencies at appropriate level.